

**SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS**  
**HYMNS AND READINGS •JANUARY 25, 2015**  
**33RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**VERSES FOR THE BEATITUDES (Tone 8)**

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.*

Hearken, O Adam, and rejoice with Eve; for he who of old stripped you both naked, and by deception hath taken all of us captive, hath been set at naught by the Cross of Christ.

*Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Nailed of Thine own will to the Tree, O Saviour, Thou didst deliver Adam from the curse which came through the tree, and hast restored that which is according to Thine image to a habitation in paradise, in that Thou art compassionate.

*Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and  
shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.*

Today is Christ risen from the tomb, granting incorruption unto all the faithful; and He reneweth the joy of the myrrh-bearing women after His suffering and resurrection.

*Rejoice, and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in the heavens.*

Rejoice, O wise myrrh-bearing women, who were first to behold the resurrection of Christ, and who proclaimed to the apostles the glad tidings of the restoration of the whole world!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

O un-originant Trinity, indivisible Essence, Unity equally enthroned, equal in honor and glory, transcendent Nature and Kingship: Save us who praise thee in faith!

*Now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

Rejoice spacious habitation of God! Rejoice ark of the new covenant! Rejoice, jar whence the heavenly manna is given to all!

## **TROPARION AND KONTAKION**

### **Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone VIII —**

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst endure the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

### **Troparion of the New Martyrs, Tone IV —**

O ye holy hierarchs, royal passion-bearers and pastors, Monks and laymen, ye countless new-martyrs and confessors, Men, women and children, flowers of the spiritual meadow of Russia, Who blossomed forth wondrously in time of grievous persecutions. Bearing good fruit for Christ in your endurance: Entreat Him, as the One Who planted you, that He deliver His people from godless and evil men, and that the Church of Russia, and all the world, be made steadfast through your blood and suffering, unto the salvation of our souls.

### **Kontakion of the Resurrection, Tone VIII —**

By rising from the tomb Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.***

### **Kontakion of the Martyrs, Tone II —**

O ye new passion-bearers of Russia, who have with your confession finished the course of this earth, receiving boldness through your sufferings: Beseech Christ Who strengthened you, that we also, whenever the hour of trial find us may receive the gift of courage from God. For ye are a witness to us who venerate your struggle, that neither tribulation, prison, nor death can separate us from the love of God.

***Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.***

**(Tone VI)** Steadfast Protectress of Christians constant advocate before the Creator: despise not the entreating cries of us sinners, but in thy goodness come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for thou dost always protect those who honor thee.

## **PROKEIMENON AND EPISTLE**

**The Prokeimenon Tone 8:** Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God!

**verse:** In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

**EPISTLE** (*1 Timothy 4:9-15*) *My Son Timothy*, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

## **Alleluia Verses**

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Saviour!

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

**GOSPEL:** (*Luke 19:1-10*) At that time, Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

